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TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

of

the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending

31st December, 1962

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TO THE TIVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December 1962.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS

OF THE AREA

Area	114,139 acres
Population	20,660 mid 1962 estimate
Rateable Value	£198,251
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£805
Social Conditions	Agriculture being the chief occupation of the inhabitants, conditions are, on the whole, good.
Slaughtering Industries	The principal slaughterhouse in the district is:- Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand. In addition there are 3 other small private slaughterhouses. (See subsequent statement on Slaughterhouses).

Other Main Industries

Wiggins, Teape & Co., Paper Manufacturers Bradninch.
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Silverton.
Reed & Smith Ltd., Paper Manufacturers, Cullompton.
Culm Leather Dressing Co., Cullompton.
Fox Bros. & Co., Ltd., Weavers, Cullompton.
" " " Uffculme.
Dreven & Brown, Glove Manufacturers, Cullompton.
The Tanneries, Cullompton.
John Heathcoat, Net Mending, Cullompton
Wilts United Dairies, Milk Factory, Hemyock
Dulverton Sawmills, Morebath.
Bramber Engineering Works, Willand.

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EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

	Total	M	F
Live Births	332	164	168
Rate per 1,000 population		16,07 (Uncorrected) 17.5 (Corrected)	
Illegitimate Live Births		3.9 per cent of total live births	

	Total	M	F
Still Births	9	6	3

Rate per 1,000 total live and still births 26.4

Total Live and Still Births 341

Infant Deaths under one year of age 6

Infant Mortality Rates:-

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births 18.1
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births 18.8
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil

Neo-natal mortality (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 9.0

Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 9.0

Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) 35.2

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth (from sepsis Nil
(from other causes Nil

Deaths from Congenital Malformations 2

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) Nil

	Total	M	F	
Deaths	244	123	121	(Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 11.8

Corrected Death Rate 10.6 per 1,000 population

EXCESSIVE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR

Deaths from Cancer during 1962 were 40. This compares with previous years as follows:- 1949 - 40: 1950 - 43: 1951 - 32: 1952 - 35: 1953 - 39: 1954 - 40: 1955 - 44: 1956 - 40: 1957 - 39: 1958 - 60: 1959 - 41: 1960 - 47: 1961 - 55.

	Males	Females	Alteration from 1961
Stomach	8	4	-3
Bronchus and Lung	9	3	0
Breast	-	1	-1
Uterus	-	-	-3
Others	8	7	-8
	25	15	Total of 40

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CANCER INVESTIGATIONS

I have recently addressed a Meeting at Bath on this subject and was gratified to receive strong support for my recommendations regarding Notification of Cancer. Among those supporting the suggestion were The Professor of Public Health for Bristol University.

GASTRIC CANCER

I publish a chart showing the incidence of gastric cancer in the various parishes during the past 15 years.

Population	Parish	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	TOTALS 1948 to 1962
1614	Bampton							1				1	1	2	2		7
211	Bickleigh						1									1	2
1767	Bradninch	1			1	1		2			1				4	2	12
699	Burlescombe	1							1			1					3
96	Butterleigh			1												1	2
143	Cadbury															1	1
165	Cadeleigh																-
165	Clayhanger																-
461	Clayhidon					1								1			2
432	C.Morchard		1								1						2
3377	Cullompton	4	4	1	1	1	3	2	5	4	4	2		2	3	3	39
716	Culmstock								1						1		2
1281	Halberton				1					1		2	1	1	1		7
1065	Hemyock							1						1	1		3
179	Hockworthy																-
489	H.Rogus		1		1							1					3
149	Huntsham											1					1
670	Kentisbeare						1			1					1	1	4
145	Loxbeare					1											1
364	Morebath			2													2
359	Oakford																-
669	S.Peverell			1			2	2						1			6
1274	Silverton			2			1	2	1	1	1				1		9
260	Stoodleigh																-
135	Templeton										1						1
701	Thorverton					1	1	2	1				1	1		1	8
1688	Uffculme					1	1		1	1		1					5
302	Uplowman																-
323	Washfield															1	1
808	Willand			1								1			1	1	4
		6	6	8	4	6	10	12	10	8	8	10	3	9	15	12	127
12460	Tiverton Borough	1	3	4	2	2	7	3	3	1	2	4	5	10	7	3	57

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. NURSING IN THE HOME - HOME HELP SERVICE

Cases are dealt with by direct application from the District Nurses or Health Visitors to the County Office.

2. NUMBER OF MIDWIVES

The District Nurses, of whom there are 16, act in this capacity.

3. LABORATORY FACILITIES

Clinical material is examined at the ~~County~~ Public Health Laboratories as previously and also at the Pathological Department of the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

4. LEGISLATION IN FORCE

There has been no major change during the year with regard to legislation in force throughout the area.

5. HOSPITAL SERVICES

Work is divided between the Tiverton Hospital and the Exeter Hospital Group. These, on the whole, serve the district adequately, although there is apt to be a seasonal shortage of beds.

6. MATERNITY CASES

An interesting experiment now going on is a system of 48 hour bookings. This scheme, if it proves a success, will do much to relieve the present shortage of maternity beds.

7. AGED SICK

Improvement in the County Welfare Service has eased our problems in this direction, but our hospital beds are still cluttered up with the type of patient who would be better dealt with at much less expense in a County Hostel.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than tuberculosis) during the year 1962 giving age incidence

AGE PERIODS	Scarlet Fever	Diptheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Para Typhoid	Dysentery	Meningococcal infection	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Acute Encephalitis	Opthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas
Under 1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 years	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 years	1	-	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 years	2	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	5	-	1	82	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	3	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 and over	1	-	-	2	12	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Age Unknown	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	13	-	2	143	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1962

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 - 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 and over	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925

No action was taken during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1925 Section 62

No action was taken during the year.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

GENERAL

Since 1950 there has been a great improvement in the sewerage arrangements in this Rural District. The Total loan debt for sewerage purposes will be £170,010 at 31st March 1963, the majority of which has been incurred since 1947. A considerable amount has been spent on sewerage in connection with new Housing Sites and, in addition, I list herewith the Parishes in which work has been carried out during the time I have been with this Authority together with the cost to date of such work.

Parish	Date works carried out	Brief Details	Cost
Bampton	1949/52	New disposal works. New sewers in Brook Street, Back Street, Luke Street and High Street.	£23,538
	1956	New overflow drain to prevent surcharging of sewers	£866
Bickleigh	1956	New works and a new sewer from the Council Estate	£2,121
	1960	Small extension in the village	£67
*** There are still five houses on the main Exeter Road which could be brought back into the treatment works.			
Culmstock	1956	New sewer and storm overflow at Millmoor.	£1,339
	1960/61	Complete scheme for the whole of the village inc. a new disposal works	£19,532 (Cost to date final settlement not yet made.)
Cullompton	1959/60	New trunk sewer between Palmer's Bridge & Middle Mill.	£6,764.7.6. (Cost to date final settlement not yet made)
Halberton	1954/55	Complete scheme for the whole of the village including Pethertons	£31,192
Hockworthy	1953	A small scheme to serve the hamlet of Staplecross provided in conjunction with the housing site works	£563
Kentisbeare	1950	A small scheme to serve 24 houses constructed in connection with the housing site works at Parsons Close	£1,609
	1957	A small scheme to serve the area from the school to The Pound	£301

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Parish	Date works carried out	Brief Details	Cost
Kentisbeare	1962	Improvements carried out to sewers to serve Council House development	£2,402.6.9. (Contract price - final settlement not yet made)
Morebath	1952/53	A small scheme for the village and a disposal works	£2,152
Oakford	1947/53	New septic tank and sewers at Oakford	£323
Sampford Peverell		Preliminary scheme: New sewer at Higher Town	£863
	1955/56	A complete scheme for the whole of the village	£37,534
Silverton	1962	Preliminary scheme at Silverton carried out in advance of the main scheme to obviate flooding	£3,181.12.-. (Contract price final settlement not yet made)
Uffculme	1959/61	A complete scheme for the whole of the village inc. new disposal works, pumping station and new sewer and pumping plant for houses near the cemetery	£34,814 (cost to date final settlement not yet made)
	1962	New surface water drains	£8,096.4.9. (Contract price - final settlement not yet made)
Washfield	1952/53	A small scheme for the village area and disposal works	£1,351
Willand	1953	Preliminary scheme - (Tiverton Junction) sewer from Cattle Market to Railway Hotel	£1,490
	1958/59	A complete scheme for the whole village and Tiverton Junction, inc. new works and a pumping station.	£32,469

NEW SCHEMES COMMENCED OR IN COURSE OF PREPARATION

Burlescombe

A new scheme has been prepared by the Consulting Engineers to deal with the villages of Burlescombe and Westleigh. A tender has been accepted and work has commenced. The total estimated cost of the scheme is £51,650 and the work is due to be completed towards the end of 1963.

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Holcombe Rogus

A scheme has been prepared by the Consulting Engineers and a tender has been accepted. Work on this scheme will commence shortly and should be completed early in 1964. The total estimated cost of the scheme is £31,750.

Silverton

A scheme has been prepared by the Consulting Engineers at an estimated cost of £51,000. An Inspector from the Ministry has held an Informal Inquiry and it is hoped that work may commence this year. It was also pointed out at the Inquiry that there is likely to be an increase of 20% on the estimated cost owing to:-

(a) the general increase in wages in the Civil Engineering Industry: and

(b) the size of the works being increased to allow for possible future development in this Parish.

Cullompton

This scheme has been in course of preparation since 1954. There has been considerable delay in finalising the scheme owing to:-

(a) prolonged negotitations with Sellwood's Tannery

(b) the fire at Sellwood's Tannery

(c) the question of future development of the Town in connection with the Town Development Plan.

These matters have now been resolved and we are hoping that the trade effluent agreement with Messrs. Sellwoods will be signed in the near future.

The Engineers are now preparing the final details, in order to submit the comprehensive scheme to the Ministry for approval. The total cost of this scheme is estimated to be in the region of £250,000 of which £192,800 is to be borne by this Council. Here again the final cost is likely to be higher on account of the latest increase in wages in the Civil Engineering Industry.

Hemyock

The Consulting Engineers have been instructed to proceed with a scheme to deal with the whole of Hemyock, including the necessary new sewers and an up-to-date disposal plant. The estimates cost of this scheme is £58,500.

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SCHEMES APPROVED IN OUTLINE BY THE COUNCIL AND FOR WHICH THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS ARE NOW PREPARING DETAILS FOR THE MINISTRY

It is hoped that the Minister, through his Inspectors, will enquire into these schemes during 1963 and 1964:-

1. Ashill

A septic tank and a sewer serves the village area. There are also various unsatisfactory private septic tanks dotted about the village. Nuisances occur after heavy rainfall when the sewer at the bottom of the village becomes surcharged with road water.

An outline scheme has now been prepared by the Consulting Engineers who estimate that the cost will be in the region of £18,250. It is understood that the County Roads Department will contribute £500 towards the cost of laying a 9" surface water drain in connection with this scheme. A revised estimate for this scheme is now over £20,000

2. Butterleigh

In the built-up area of this village slop water is emptied into the roadside gutter and the septic tanks, which have been provided as a temporary measure, are unsatisfactory on account of the heavy nature of the sub-soil. There are several serious nuisances in the village.

An outline scheme has now been prepared by the Consulting Engineers who estimate the cost will be £10,800.

3. Cruwys Morchard (Nomansland and Pennymoor)

Sanitary conditions in these two small hamlets are primitive and unsatisfactory. The public house at Pennymoor has no modern sanitary conveniences.

(a) Pennymoor

An outline scheme prepared by the Consulting Engineers is estimated to cost £9,750.

(b) Nomansland

The outline scheme prepared by the Consulting Engineers is estimated to cost £9,650.

4. Huntsham

There are no proper sewerage arrangements in the village area of Huntsham. Most of the houses are served by earth closets and waste water is discharged into a small stream.

An outline scheme prepared by the Consulting Engineers is estimated to cost £8,750.

5. Thorverton

The sewers in Thorverton have given very little trouble during the period I have been with this Council. The sewage works, however, is very primitive and close to the railway and county road. I consider that steps should be taken at an early date to provide full treatment of the sewage. No doubt, the existing settlement tanks could be used, but proper filters, sludge beds and a humus tank should be provided to eliminate the smell nuisance. Conditions here in this Parish have been aggravated by the housing development, both private and Council, which has taken place during the past twelve years.

A preliminary report has been received from the Consulting Engineers who estimate that the cost of a comprehensive scheme for this village would be £22,500.

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SCHEMES FOR WHICH THE CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE OUTLINE PLANS AND ESTIMATES FOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL

1. Bampton - Shillinford

Further Council house development in this hamlet has made the need of a scheme more urgent.

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2. Bradninch

Since 1955 there has been considerable housing development both private and Council in this Parish. The sewers are in fair order, but there is no proper treatment of the sewage other than broad irrigation from settlement tanks. There is serious pollution of the river Culm and we have already had complaints from the Duchy of Cornwall on whose land the sewage effluent is distributed.

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DETAILS OF CONDITIONS IN PARISHES AND HAMLETS NOT YET SERVED BY AN EFFICIENT SEWERAGE SCHEME

1. Kentisbeare

Various small disposal plants and septic tanks have been installed in different parts of this village. There has been an improvement on the conditions which existed twelve years ago, but the need for a comprehensive scheme to deal with the whole of the village area is still urgent.

2. Kentisbeare - Blackborough

There are several unsatisfactory septic tanks at Blackborough and Mrs. Walker, the owner of certain properties there, is willing to contribute towards a scheme for this hamlet.

3. Stoodleigh

The houses in the village of Stoodleigh are rather scattered and are served at the present time by septic tanks. No complaints have been received recently, but a scheme will be needed one day.

4. Clayhidon (Rosemary Lane)

This built-up area may require a sewerage scheme at some future date. No complaints have been received regarding nuisances.

5. Halberton - Ash Thomas

There are several nuisances in this hamlet during the summer months when the stream is low, owing to the unsatisfactory effluents from various septic tanks.

6. Oakford

The treatment plant at Oakford consists only of a small septic tank. It is felt that certain improvements could be carried out to this scheme, but that a fully comprehensive scheme is not considered urgent.

In my opinion, the following parishes are too scattered to warrant a sewerage scheme at the present time:- Clayhanger, Cadbury, Hockworthy, Loxbeare and Templeton.

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SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Cullompton

A new scheme to cost £635 to deal with the surface water from the Brook Road area, Cullompton, including The Tannery, is due to be completed in 1963.

Uffculme

It has been agreed by the Council that the engineers should prepare a surface water drainage scheme for the Chapel Hill area at Uffculme at an estimated cost of £1,000.

The problem of surface water drainage for new housing sites, estate development and industrial development will no doubt arise from time to time in the future and our Council may be faced with expenditure under this heading.

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WATER SUPPLIES

The water supply to the district is from the mains of the North Devon Water Board and their Officers have supplied the following information:-

(a) i. The quality of the water supplied throughout the Rural District has been satisfactory. Copies of bacteriological reports are forwarded direct to the Medical Officer of Health from the Public Health Laboratories.

ii. The quantity of water supplied has in general been satisfactory, but certain premises in the Silverton and Thorverton areas particularly at times of peak demand, have received an intermittent supply temporarily, due to high friction losses on the long lengths of small diameter mains, but supplies have been restored within twelve hours, by the operation of the Board's mobile booster unit.

At present the Board's Direct Labour Units are laying a new main from Shobrooke to Thorverton and this in conjunction with the erection of a proposed service reservoir at Raddon should resolve the problems with regard to supply in the Silverton and Thorverton areas.

(b) Routine samples are taken monthly throughout the distribution system supplied by Newcombe, Sheldon and Churchstanton Works and in addition samples of raw water were taken. Bacterial impurity is present particularly in the Churchstanton source which includes coliform bacteria in considerable numbers with a proportion of Bact. Coli present. Total number of samples taken was 273.

Samples of the treated water indicate satisfactory results after treatment and chlorination from all sources with the exception of 8 samples.

Chemical analyses are taken and results have been forwarded to Mr. A.L. Sanders, Public Health Inspector.

Should circumstances indicate a need for further chemical samples these are taken when required.

(c) Lime treatment for the correction of pH is only carried out at Churchstanton.

The Board propose to install treatment for pH correction at Newcombe and Sheldon Works and in addition a comprehensive treatment plant at Churchstanton Works.

(d) The possibility of the water supply afforded from the Board's mains being responsible for the spreading of

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enteric troubles in the Uffculme area was fully investigated and reported on negatively.

(e) i. Table showing details of properties supplied in the Tiverton Rural District.

Parish	No: of Domestic Properties	No: of Farms	No: of Other meter Supplies (ex.cattle troughs)	Total Properties	Population supplies (estimated)
Bampton	351	8	30	389	1,167
Bickleigh	37	5	7	49	147
Bradninch	522	14	31	567	1,701
Burlescombe	140	29	14	183	549
Butterleigh	21	6	2	29	87
Clayhanger	17	5	1	23	69
Clayhidon	27	24	2	53	159
Cruwys Morchard	12	1	3	16	48
Cullompton	1,090	38	84	1,212	3,636
Culmstock	185	22	16	223	669
Halberton	306	44	18	368	1,104
Hemyock	208	14	18	240	720
Hockworthy	20	14	-	34	102
Holcombe Rogus	90	10	5	105	315
Kentisbeare	150	39	21	210	630
Morebath	38	6	1	45	135
Oakford	25	2	2	29	87
Sampford Peverell	203	12	28	243	729
Silverton	406	10	12	428	1,284
Stoodleigh	25	4	5	34	102
Thorverton	213	8	12	233	699
Uffculme	464	59	59	582	1,746
Uplowman	36	10	2	48	144
Washfield	31	2	-	33	99
Willand	308	10	29	347	1,041
TOTAL	4,925	396	402	5,723	17,169

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LIST OF SAMPLES TAKEN & FOUND TO BE UNSATISFACTORY

(Showing the 'count' in each case)

Source	Date	Coliform bacilli	Bact. Coli.
Morebath	3/1/62	2	0
Newcombe	17/3/62	8	2
Bampton	16/7/62	50	35
Bampton	24/7/62	2	0
Exebridge	24/7/62	2	2
Bampton	25/7/62	5	0
Bampton	14/8/62	2	0
Oakford	21/8/62	2	2

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WATER SAMPLING (PRIVATE SUPPLIES AND WELLS)

Details of samples taken by the Public Health Department during 1962 are given below:-

Parish	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total Taken
Bampton	4	2	6
Bickleigh	1	-	1
Bradninch	1	-	1
Burlescombe	1	-	1
Cadeleigh	-	4	4
Cruwys Morchard	4	-	4
Cullompton	2	-	2
Hemyock	1	-	1
Holcombe Rogus	1	4	5
Loxbeare	1	-	1
Morebath	1	-	1
Oakford	4	1	5
Silverton	1	2	3
Stoodleigh	3	-	3
Thorverton	-	1	1
Uffculme	2	-	2
	27	14	41

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In the case of farm supplies, the advice of the Water Supplies Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is asked for when necessary.

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PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

The only public swimming bath in the district is situated at the Old Well Roadhouse, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme. The size of the bath is 75 feet by 25 feet. The swimming bath is open from May to September and during that period weekly samples of the water are taken and sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination. At the start of the season the bath is completely filled from a nearby spring, and there is a continuous flow of spring water through the bath during the Summer months, although this is not sufficient to completely change the water at regular intervals. The water had an objectionable appearance during the hot weather last August, but bacteriological examinations have all proved satisfactory. The water is hand chlorinated.

The swimming bath us used by children attending the County Schools at Uffculme, Cullompton, and Willand, also the Bradfield pecial School.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Premises Inspected or Subject of Inspection	No: of Inspections
Dairies (other than dairy farms)	20
Bakehouses	19
Shops and Food premises	124
Knackers' yards	6
Rodent control	140
Building Byelaws & Town & Country Planning	1,420
Petroleum storage installations	252
Caravan sites	22
Hides and skin stores	32
Public Houses	4
Public Conveniences	120
Private water supplies	72
Drainage works	464
Cattle Markets	3
Infectious diseases	26
Ice cream	8
Refuse tips	104
Refuse complaints investigated	34
Slaughterhouses	204
Sewage works	330
Smoke abatement	nil
Nuisances & complaints investigated	116
Disinfestations (infectious diseases & verminous)	36
Schools	14
Factories and workshops etc.	39
Housing inspections relating to improvement grants	131
Housing inspections relating to Rent Act, 1957 letting of Council houses, Slum Clearance and Housing Act 1954	602

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

Food & Drugs Act, 1955 (Sections 13, 14 & 16)

(a) Ice-cream premises:

(i) No. of premises registered for the manufacture and/or sale of ice-cream during the year: 2

(ii) Total number of premises so registered: 93

(b) Bakeries:

No new bakeries were registered during the year.

(c) Fried Fish premises:

No new fish frying establishments were registered during the year.

(d) Egg packing stations:

No action has been necessary.

(e) Butchers' shops:

No action has been necessary.

Food Premises:

Bakehouses:	14
Butchers' shops:	27
Fried fish shops:	6
Egg packing premises:	6
No. of cafes etc.	77

Food Hygiene Regulations:

Implementation of the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued during the year. There has been no necessity for prosecution in any instance.

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MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

Number of Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) registered at 31st December, 1962: 11.

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CARAVAN, MOVEABLE DWELLING & CAMPING SITES

and Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Total number of sites licensed at the end of 1962:- 12

Each site also has the benefit of a planning permission and this number includes a site at the Old Well Roadhouse, Waterloo Cross, Uffculme.

In addition there are sites for tourists' caravans at:-

The Wishing Well Cafe, Bampton
and Little Copse Filling Station, Cullompton

which are exempt from Local Authority controls, the Caravan Club of Great Britain having granted their form of licence to the sites.

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SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

At 31st December, 1962, the following private slaughterhouses were licensed and in use in the district:-

Lloyd Maunder Ltd., Tiverton Junction, Willand
J. Veysey & Son, 33 Fore Street, Cullompton
N. M. Western, 24 Fore Street, Silverton
G. A. Sanders, Exeter Road, Silverton.

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KNACKERS' YARDS

None were licensed at the end of the year.

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SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1958

26 Licences to slaughter animals were granted or renewed during the year.

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MEAT INSPECTION

The following table shows details of meat inspection for the year:-

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	2538	156	1652	67084	94410
Number Inspected	"	"	"	"	"
All diseases exept Tuberculosis & Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	6	7	80	161	425
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	463	73	23	2750	10628
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	18.48	51.28	6.23	4.34	11.71
Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2923
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis					3.10
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	36				
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration					
Generalised and totally condemned					

The total weight of meat and offal condemned during the year:-

	Tons	Cwt.	Qr.	lb.
Tuberculosis	17	5	1	24
Other diseases	76	11	3	3
TOTAL	93	17	0	27

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FACTORIES ACTS

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTION for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	12	Nil	Nil
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	107	27	Nil	Nil
iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	151	39	Nil	Nil

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No: of out-workers in August list req'd by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No: of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No: of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No: of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel) Making etc.	24	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wearing apparel) Cleaning and Washing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Household linen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lace, lace curtains and nets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Curtains and furniture hangings	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Furniture and upholstery	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Electro-plate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
File making	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brass and brass articles	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fur pulling	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Iron and steel cables & chains	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Iron & Steel anchors & grapnels	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cart gear	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Locks, latches and keys	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Umbrellas etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Artificial flowers	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nets, other than wire nets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tents	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sacks	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Racquet and tennis balls	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No: of out-workers in August list req'd by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No: of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No: of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No: of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Paper bags	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Brush making	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pea picking	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Feather sorting	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carding, etc. of buttons etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Stuffed toys	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Basket making	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chocolates & sweetmeats	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cosaques, Christmas stockings, etc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Textile Weaving	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lampshades	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	24	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

I am indebted to the Officers of the Council for their help during the year.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.